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MORE LANES, NEW PAVEMENT COMING TO INTERSTATE 580

ALAMEDA COUNTY – Caltrans and the Alameda County Transportation Commission began construction today on a project on Interstate 580 that will help reduce traffic congestion, provide a smoother ride for drivers – and deliver much-needed jobs.

“This project will be good for commuters and good for the economy,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “The new lanes will make driving less stressful and allow motorists more time to do things they enjoy rather than being stuck in traffic.”

The project includes a new carpool lane on westbound Interstate 580 between Greenville Road in Livermore and San Ramon/Foothill Road in Dublin/Pleasanton; a new lane on eastbound Interstate 580 between Isabel Avenue and First Street in Livermore that will make it easier for drivers to enter and exit the freeway; widening the existing roadway and bridges; repaving the freeway; and constructing retaining walls.

The \$157 million project is funded primarily (\$103 million) by Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved bond. In total, nearly \$15.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide.

The daily traffic volume along I-580 averages more than 170,000 vehicles. The freeway links office, industrial, and residential areas in Alameda County to the West and South Bay, and it's also a primary trading corridor connecting the Bay Area with the Central Valley.

“The I-580 corridor in Alameda County supports thousands of travelers each day and has consistently ranked in the top three most congested freeway corridors in the Bay Area. These improvements, supported by voter-approved funds, continue our efforts to reduce congestion and improve air quality along this major commute and freight corridor,” said ACTC Chair Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

For more information about this project in Alameda County please visit:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects/i580wbhov/>

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